

# IMPORTANT DAYS

## Important Days - April

- The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declared 2 April as World Autism Awareness Day. The theme for WAAD 2018 is "Empowering Women & Girls with Autism".
- The 55th edition of National Maritime Day was celebrated all over India. NMD is celebrated on 5th April every year since 1964. The theme for National Maritime Day 2018 is: 'Indian Shipping – An Ocean of opportunity'.
- The World Health Day is a global health awareness day organized globally on 7th April. World Health Day is one of the eight official health campaigns which are marked by the World Health Organization. The theme of World Health Day is: Universal health coverage: everyone, everywhere. The slogan is "Health for All".
- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a scientific convention on the World Homeopathy Day in New Delhi. The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Homoeopathy founder Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann (10 April 1755).
- Nation remembers Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on his 127th birth anniversary. Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution of India, was born on 14th April 1891 at Mhow in Madhya Pradesh, which is now known as Dr Ambedkar Nagar. He was also the first law minister of India.
- Himachal Pradesh celebrated its 71st foundation day on 15th April 2018 with much fanfare & gaiety. Several cultural events were organized across the state. It may be recalled that the hill state came into existence after the merger of 30 odd princely states in 1948.
- Every April 17 World Haemophilia Day is recognised worldwide to increase awareness of haemophilia & other inherited bleeding disorders. The theme of WHD 2018 is 'Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger'.
- Every year, 18th April is celebrated Worldwide as World Heritage Day to create awareness about Heritage among communities. This year the theme is 'Heritage for Generations'.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the two-day Civil Services Day event in New Delhi. The Day focuses on the topic 'Evolving Strategies for Transforming Aspirational Districts'. – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018
- The World Earth Day (WED) is celebrated on 22nd April not only to spread awareness of the need for conservation but also to take action to protect the environment. The theme for World Earth Day 2018 is 'End Plastic Pollution'.
- World Book & Copyright Day is celebrated globally this year on 23 April to provide the people with many

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ideas & plans to make them aware of the situation & condition in the World. The World Book Capital for 2018 is Athens, Greece.

- The nation celebrates the National Panchayati Raj Diwas (24th Aril) as this date marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of political power to the grassroots level. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Mandla in Madhya Pradesh on the National Panchayati Raj Day. He launched the Rashtriya Gramin Swaraj Abhiyan.
- World Malaria Day is observed on April 25 every year to recognise the global effort to control malaria & also to spread awareness about the around the world. The theme for this year's Malaria Day is 'Ready to beat Malaria'.
- World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on 26th of April to learn about the role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation & creativity. The theme for WIPD 2018 is 'Powering change: Women in innovation & creativity'.

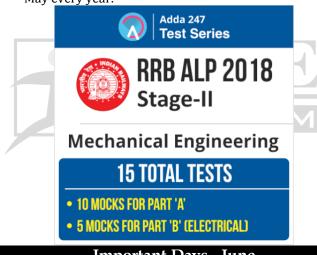


- Every year, on 31 May, World Health Organization and
- partners mark World No Tobacco Day (WNTD). The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2018 is "Tobacco and heart disease."
- Anti Terrorism Day is observed on 21 May every year in our country to make the people aware of the anti-social act of terrorism and its impact on human suffering and lives.
- International Day for Biological Diversity is observed across the world on May 22 with the theme 'Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity'.
- The International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed across the world on May 29. The theme is 'UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice'.
- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day was observed across the world on May 17 with the



theme "Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All".

- International Labour Day is also known as International Worker's Day, Labour Day & May Day. The theme was "Uniting Workers for Social & Economic Advancement".
- Every year, 3 May is a date which celebrated as the World Press Freedom Day to evaluate press freedom around the world. This year's global theme was 'Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice & The Rule of Law'.
- May 8 is celebrated globally as the World Red Cross Day. The theme of 2018 is "Memorable smiles from around the world".
- Every year, `National Technology Day' is celebrated across India on May 11 to memorize the anniversary of Shakti, the Pokhran nuclear test held on 11 May 1998. The theme is "Science & Technology for a Sustainable Future".
- International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated every year all around the world on 12th of May to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Florence Nightingale.The thee was "Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right" for IND 2018.
- International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year.



### Important Days - June

- National Statistics Day is observed across India on June 29 with an aim to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning & policy formulation. The theme selected for the 2018 Statistics Day is 'Quality Assurance in Official Statistics'. On the occasion, Vice President of India released a commemorative coin of Rs 125 & circulation coin of Rs 5 denomination as a mark of respect/homage to Prof. Mahalanobis.
- UN decided to observe 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking. The theme for 2018 was: "Listen First - Listening to children & youth is the first step to help them grow healthy & safe."
- International Widows' Day is a global awareness day that takes place annually on 23rd June.

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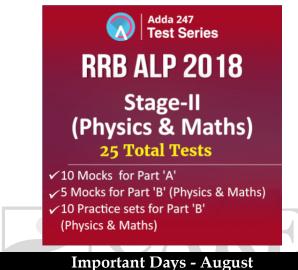
- 4th International Yoga Day is being celebrated across the globe on 21st of June. The theme for Yoga Day 2018 is "Yoga for Peace".
- The World Music Day is celebrated across the world on 21 June.
- Every year on **June 12 the World Day Against Child Labor** is observed to raise awareness.
- Every year, on **14 June, countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day.** The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is 'Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life'.
- World Refugee Day held on 20th June. The theme was 'Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees'.
- On June 8th each year, we celebrate the ocean, its importance in our lives, & how we can protect it. World Oceans Day helps raise the profile of the ocean & inspire more involvement in helping to conserve this amazing resource we all depend on.
- PM Modi has addressed the global celebrations of World Environment Day 2018 on 05th June in New Delhi. PM also visited the exhibition set up on the occasion, themed 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. India was the global host nation for the 43rd edition of this event.
- RBI chosen customer protection as a theme for the Financial Literacy Week which has begun on June 4. This event ending on June 8, will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products & services, good financial practices & going digital.
- On **June 3, 2018, the first official World Bicycle Day** was celebrated. The day, which is celebrated for the first time this year, was approved on 12 April 2018 as an official United Nations day.

#### Important Days - July

- India on July 26 celebrated the 19th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas to mark the success of 'Operation Vijay' and to remember the supreme sacrifice of the Indian soldiers who lost their lives during the 1999 India-Pakistan Kargil War.
- July 28 marks World Hepatitis Day 2018. The theme was "Test. Treat. Hepatitis" for World Hepatitis Day 2018 events.
- International Tiger Day is being celebrated every year on 29 July to raise awareness about tiger conservation.
- World Day against Trafficking in Persons is organized across the world by the United Nations on 30 July. The theme was 'Responding to the trafficking of children and young people'.
- GOI announced that 1st of July shall be commemorated as 'GST Day'. All the other States (except Jammu & Kashmir) and Union territories with legislature have passed their respective SGST Acts.



- International Day of Cooperatives is observed across the world on July 7. The 2018 theme of the Day is the 'Sustainable societies through cooperation'.
- World Population Day was established by the thengoverning Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989. The theme of WPD 2018 is 'Family Planning is a Human Right'.
- Nelson Mandela International Day 2018 is observed internationally on 18th July. This year marks 100 years since the birth of Nelson Mandela (18 July 1918). This year's Mandela Day is dedicated to 'Action Against Poverty'.



- National Handloom Day is being observed every year on 7 August to honour the handloom weavers in the country and also carter an impetus to India's handloom industry.
- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed across the world on August 9. The theme was 'Indigenous peoples' migration and movement'.
- World Biofuel Day is observed every year on August 10. It is being observed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. On the occasion, PM Modi unveiled a Booklet on "National Policy on Biofuels 2018", and launched "Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive and Virtuous Environmental Single window Hub"[PARIVESH].
- The World Humanitarian Day is observed across the world on August 19 to pay tribute to workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services and to gather support for people affected by crises around the world. The campaign launched on World Humanitarian Day is "#NotATarget".
- The National Sports Day is celebrated on 29th August every year to mark the birthday of legendary hockey player Dhyan Chand.

#### **Important Days - September**

 30 September celebrates the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of

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- translators. Theme was, "Translation: promoting cultural heritage in changing times".
- United Nations has designated the first Monday of October of every year as World Habitat Day. The theme for World Habitat Day 1 October 2018 was Municipal Solid Waste Management.
- International Day of Older Persons is observed on October 1. Theme was "Celebrating Older Human Rights champions".
- World Heart Day takes place on 29th September every year.
- World Rabies Day is celebrated on 28 September.
- World Tourism Day is observed every year globally on 27th September. "Tourism & the Digital Transformation" is the theme of this year.
- UN Declared the period from 2019 to 2028 as the Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace.
- International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. Theme is "The Right to Peace -The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70".
- International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer was observed on 16th September. Theme was 'Keep Cool & Carry On: The Montreal Protocol'.
- Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya's birthday is celebrated on 15 September as Engineer's Day.
- The International Day of Democracy is observed globally on 15th September. Theme was 'Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World'.
- Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.
- The National Nutrition Month (September) is being celebrated across the country to mark the fight against malnutrition.
- The International Day of Charity is observed globally on September 5.
- International Literacy Day, celebrated annually on 8 September. This year's theme is 'Literacy & skills development.'

